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Harvest progress is now at 94 per cent complete, up from 90 per cent last week, and ahead of the five-year average of 92 per cent, according to Saskatchewan Agriculture and Food's weekly crop report.

Southern regions are pretty much complete, while the northeast remains least advanced with 78 per cent combined. West-central regions made the most progress, moving from 84 per cent to 94 per cent complete. East-Central regions are at 96 per cent complete, and northwest regions are at 84 per cent. Production is expected to be above average, while quality is expected to be below average.

Waterfowl, wild game and weathering caused the majority of the crop damage during the past week. Farmers need a good stretch of average to above-average temperatures and dry weather to complete this year's harvest.

Fall work continued this past week, with baling, bale hauling, rock picking, fertilizer and chemical application, harrowing and cattle work all taking place.

Sask. harvesting progress

	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	99	99
Spring wheat	92	86
Durum	99	96
Oats	90	86
Barley	93	90
Fall rye	99	99
Triticale	99	89
Flax	85	79
Canola	94	92
Mustard	99	96
Sunflowers	11	7
Lentils	98	97
Peas	99	98
Canary seed	87	77
Chickpeas	99	96
Total	**94**	**90**

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Saskatchewan Harvest Progress at October 23, 2005

	% In Swath or Ready to Str.Cmb.			% Combined		
	2005	Average 2004	2000-04	2005	2004	Average 2000-04
Winter wheat	1	1	0	99	99	100
Spring wheat	7	7	3	92	91	93
Durum	1	7	2	99	88	94
Oats	9	14	6	90	79	n.a.
Barley	6	5	3	93	93	n.a.
Fall rye	1	0	0	99	95	n.a.
Triticale	1	1	0	99	77	n.a.
Flax	10	25	n.a.	85	49	n.a.
Canola	6	13	7	94	86	90
Mustard	1	6	3	99	93	96
Sunflowers	15	2	n.a.	11	41	n.a.
Lentils	2	1	1	98	99	95
Peas	1	1	0	99	98	97
Canary seed	11	15	n.a.	87	79	n.a.
Chickpeas	1	4	n.a.	99	71	n.a.
Total	**5**	**8**	**4**	**94**	**88**	**92**

1 Year Ago

Widespread snowfall stalled harvest progress.

Combining progress remained at 88%.

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South eastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 1, 2, & 3ase)

South eastern harvesting progress

	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	100	100
Spring wheat	99	99
Durum	99	99
Oats	98	98
Barley	99	99
Fall rye	100	100
Triticale	100	100
Flax	96	93
Canola	99	99
Mustard	100	100
Sunflowers	16	12
Lentils	99	99
Peas	99	99
Canary seed	99	97
Chickpeas	100	100
Total	98	98

The south eastern region was generally cool and there was moisture in many areas during the past week. An average of 4 mm of precipitation was reported, ranging from an average low of 2 mm reported in Crop District (CD) 1a, to an average high of 10 mm reported in CD 3ase. Frost damage was reported in CDs 1a and 2. Wind damage was reported in CDs 1 and 2a. Reporters also cited concerns with bleaching.

Combining progress remains at 98% for the south east, with a further 1% lying in the swath or ready to straight combine. Some flax, sunflowers, and canary seed were combined. The southeast region could see the highest provincial yields for winter wheat and the lowest provincial yields for spring wheat, durum, mustard, sunflowers, and peas.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land dried in spite of the damp weather, with 54% of reporters rating moisture as adequate, compared to 63% last week. On hay and pasture land, 49% of reporters rated topsoil moisture as adequate compared to 55% last week. In CD 3ase, livestock owners had to haul water for their cattle.

Migrating waterfowl damaged crops in CD 2b. Rusty grain beetles were causing problems in CD 1a.

Last week, farmers applied fertilizer and chemicals, hauled bales, picked rocks, harrowed, burned flax piles, and worked with cattle. The new feedlot at Ceylon was taking cattle and is expected to soon be full.

South western Saskatchewan (CDs 3asw, 3an, 3b, & 4)

The southwest received some moisture during a cool week. An average of 10 mm of precipitation was reported, ranging from an average low of 2 mm reported in CD 3bn, to an average high of 17 mm reported in CD 3asw. Frost damage was reported in CD 3bn.

Combining progress in the southwest remains at 99%, and a further 1% is lying in the swath or ready to be straight combined. There was harvesting progress made in oats, triticale, flax, mustard, canary seed, and chickpeas. The southwest region could see the highest provincial yields for fall rye and the lowest provincial yields for oats, barley, triticale, flax, canola, and canary seed. Some of the downgrading in the spring wheat was due to midge damage.

South western harvesting progress

	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	100	100
Spring wheat	99	99
Durum	99	99
Oats	100	99
Barley	99	99
Fall rye	100	100
Triticale	100	99
Flax	98	94
Canola	99	99
Mustard	100	99
Sunflowers	0	0
Lentils	100	100
Peas	100	100
Canary seed	99	95
Chickpeas	99	98
Total	99	99

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land are similar to last week, with 60% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as adequate. Conditions on hay and pasture land improved with 53% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as adequate, compared with 46% last week.

Waterfowl caused crop damage in CD 3bn.

Farmers applied fall chemicals and fertilizer, hauled bales, seeded grass, baled, picked rocks, did soil testing, and fenced. Calves were weaned and sold.

East central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 5 & 6a)

East central harvesting progress

	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	99	99
Spring wheat	95	92
Durum	98	94
Oats	96	93
Barley	97	96
Fall rye	100	100
Triticale	100	93
Flax	81	75
Canola	97	97
Mustard	99	97
Sunflowers	17	3
Lentils	99	99
Peas	99	99
Canary seed	85	80
Chickpeas	100	98
Total	**96**	**94**

The east central region was cool, with some wind, rain and snow. An average of 9 mm of precipitation was reported, ranging from an average low of 6 mm reported in CD 5a, to an average high of 12 mm reported in CD 5b. Wind damage was reported across the region. Frost damage was reported in CD 5b. Rain damage and weathering were reported in CD 6a.

Harvesting progress improved to 96% complete for the east central region with a further 4% lying in the swath or ready to be straight combined. The east central region could see the highest provincial yields for sunflowers and the lowest provincial yields for chickpeas. Crops harvested this week will need to be dried down prior to winter storage.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland got wetter during the past week, with 13% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as surplus, compared with 4% last week. Conditions on hay and pasture land were similar to last week with 87% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as adequate.

Wild game and water fowl damaged crops across the region.

Fall work included burning flax straw, baling, hauling bales, tillage, fertilizer and chemical application, and working cattle.

West central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 6b & 7)

West central harvesting progress

	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	100	100
Spring wheat	93	82
Durum	94	80
Oats	90	75
Barley	92	86
Fall rye	100	100
Triticale	97	62
Flax	67	38
Canola	98	91
Mustard	99	81
Sunflowers	0	0
Lentils	98	92
Peas	99	97
Canary seed	78	49
Chickpeas	91	72
Total	**94**	**84**

The west central region was cool and frosty last week. An average of 2 mm of precipitation was reported, ranging from an average low of 1 mm reported in CD 7a, to an average high of 3 mm reported in CD 7b. Frost damage was reported across the region. Wind damage was reported in CD 6b. Some flooding damage was reported in CD 7b. Other concerns were bleaching, staining, and general rain damage.

Combining progress improved to 94% in the west central region, with a further 5% lying in the swath or ready to be straight combined. The west central region could see the highest provincial yields for triticale, lentils, peas, canary seed, and chickpeas and the lowest provincial yields for winter wheat and fall rye. Much of the harvested grain was tough and has been piled on the ground.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland remained similar to last week, with 77% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as adequate. The balance rated topsoil moisture conditions as surplus. Grain trucks were still getting stuck in the fields. Conditions were also similar on hay and pasture land with 90% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as adequate.

Crop damage from ducks, geese, and deer were reported across the region.

Farmers baled, hauled bales, cultivated and disced sloughs, and sprayed for winter annuals. Cattle were coming home from summer pastures.

North eastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 8 & 9ae)

North eastern harvesting progress

	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	100	100
Spring wheat	76	66
Durum	80	76
Oats	67	66
Barley	79	73
Fall rye	98	97
Triticale	n/a	n/a
Flax	37	20
Canola	83	83
Mustard	92	90
Sunflowers	0	0
Lentils	99	99
Peas	98	98
Canary seed	55	48
Chickpeas	n/a	n/a
Total	78	73

The northeast started off with good harvest weather last week, but rain later in the week ended harvest again. An average of 7 mm of precipitation was reported, ranging from an average low of 5 mm reported in CD 8b, to an average high of 10 mm reported in CD 9ase. Frost damage was reported across the region. Wind damage was reported in CDs 8a and 9ae. Other concerns included lodging, sprouting, and general rain damage.

Seventy-eight per cent of the 2005 north eastern crop has been combined, with a further 18% lying in the swath or ready to be straight combined. The northeast region could see the highest provincial yields for spring wheat, durum, oats, barley and canola and the lowest provincial yields for lentils. Much of the grain harvested was tough.

Topsoil moisture conditions got a bit wetter this past week, with 65% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as surplus, compared with 61% last week. Farmers are struggling with mud and wet conditions. Conditions also got wetter on hay and pasture land with 48% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as surplus compared to 32% last week.

Migrating ducks and geese caused damage in CDs 8b and 9ae. Wild game caused damage in CD 8b.

Some harrowing and fertilizing were done.

North western Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 9aw & 9b)

North western harvesting progress

	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	n/a	n/a
Spring wheat	80	71
Durum	100	85
Oats	76	71
Barley	84	79
Fall rye	100	100
Triticale	100	100
Flax	35	35
Canola	91	86
Mustard	100	75
Sunflowers	n/a	0
Lentils	n/a	n/a
Peas	99	98
Canary seed	55	50
Chickpeas	n/a	n/a
Total	84	78

The north western region was cold and windy with some rain mid-week. An average of 6 mm of precipitation was reported, ranging from an average low of 6 mm reported in CD 9b, to an average high of 7 mm reported in CD 9aw. Frost, wind, and weathering damage were reported across the region. The wind broke off barley heads in CD 9b.

Eighty-four per cent of the 2005 north western crop has been combined, with a further 14% lying in the swath or ready to be straight combined. Some progress was made in most crops. The northwest region could see the highest provincial yields for flax and mustard. Reporters expect that a lot of grain drying will need to be done.

Topsoil moisture on crop land got slightly wetter as 29% of reporters rated moisture as surplus, compared with 25% last week. Hay and pasture land is similar to last week with over 80% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as adequate.

Geese, ducks, and game damaged crops in CD 9b.

Farmers applied fertilizer, baled straw, picked rocks, and hauled bales.

Weekly Rainfall Summary

(in millimeters)

for the week ending October 22, 2005

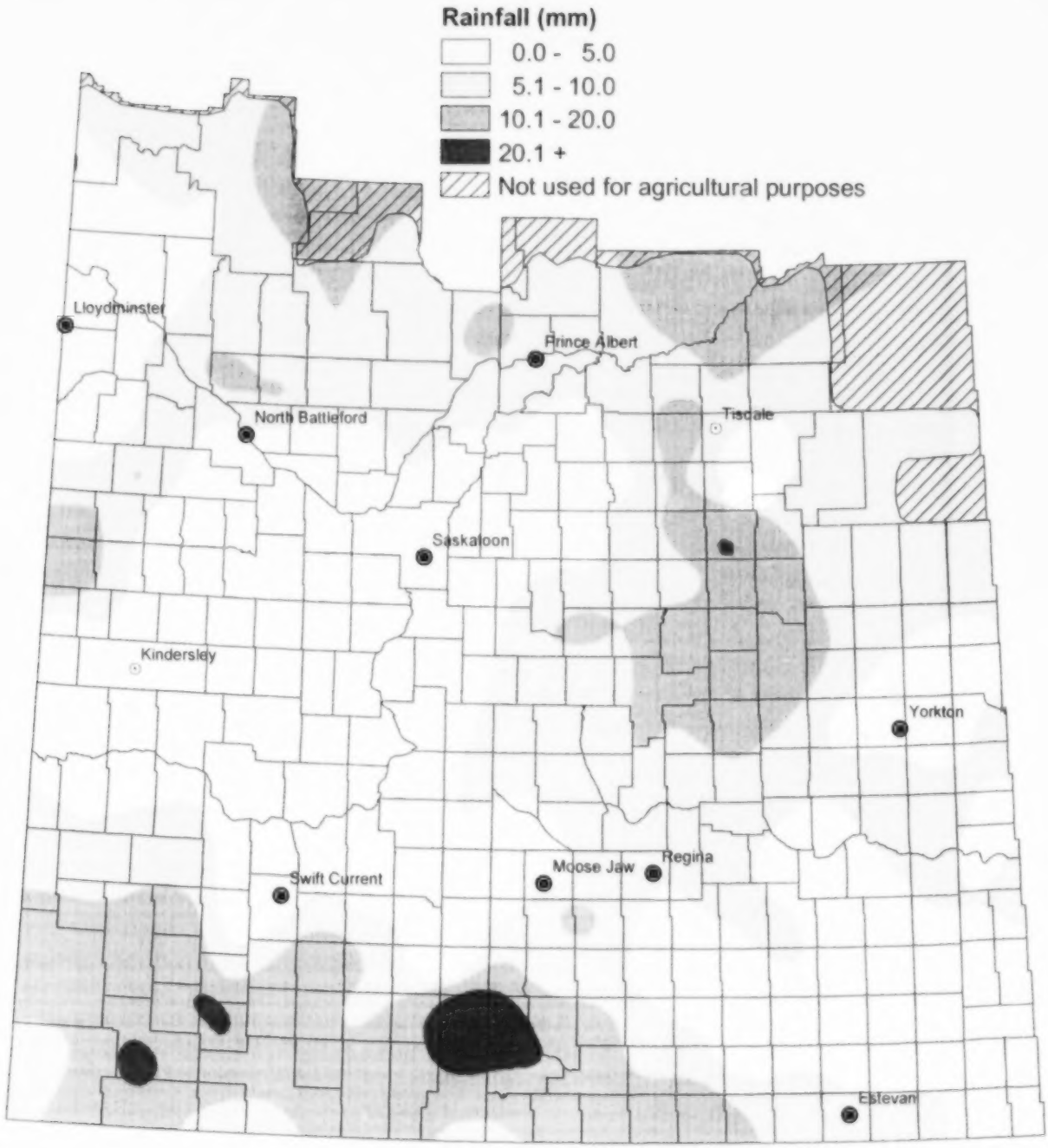
Crop Dist.	No.	Municipality Name	Past Week	Since April 1
1A	2	Mount Pleasant	4	385
	3 B	Enniskillen	6	427
	34	Browning	2	377
	63 A	Moose Mountain	TR	320
	64	Brock	TR	399
	65	Tecumseh	NIL	405
1B	92	Walpole	NIL	310
	94	Hazelwood	NIL	371
	95	Golden West	2	372
	123	Silverwood	7	429
	124	Kingsley	1	399
	125	Chester	TR	303
	151 A	Rocanville	7	459
	151 B	Rocanville	3	437
	153	Willowdale	5	342
	155	Wolseley	TR	416
2A	36	Cymri	6	426
	66	Griffin	NIL	285
	67	Weyburn	NIL	282
	68	Brokenshell	4	286
	96	Fillmore	4	375
	97	Wellington	2	342
	99	Caledonia	5	365
2B	126	Montmartre	7	342
	127	Francis	6	433
	128	Lajord	6	267
	129	Bratt's Lake	4	259
	131	Baildon	12	376
	156 A	Indian Head	3	484
	156 B	Indian Head	4	421
	157	South Qu'appelle	7	464
	158	Edenwold	6	307
	160	Pense	5	228
	191	Marquis	NIL	314
3ASE	8	Lake Alma	13	306
	9	Surprise Valley	14	297
	38 B	Laurier	7	295
	39 B	The Gap	7	271
3ASW	10	Happy Valley	12	272
	40	Bengough	16	292
	42	Willow Bunch	14	283
	43 A	Old Post	9	265
	44	Waverley	17	310
	70	Key West	16	279
	71 A	Excel	15	257
	71 B	Excel	19	208
	73 B	Stonehenge	36	317
3AN	101 A	Terrell	6	197
	101 B	Terrell	5	291
	102	Lake Johnston	8	289
	103	Sutton	NIL	231
	132	Hillsborough	5	217
	134	Shamrock	4	336
	164	Chaplin	NIL	265
	193	Eyebrow	5	320
3BS	17 B	Val Marie	6	206
	46 A	Glen Mcpherson	15	221
	75 A	Pinto Creek	8	174
	75 B	Pinto Creek	15	216
	76 A	Auvergne	15	175
	76 B	Auvergne	15	208
	78 A	Grassy Creek	25	284
	78 B	Grassy Creek	18	198
	78 C	Grassy Creek	17	276
	106	Whiska Creek	17	227
	108	Bone Creek	13	299
3BN	135	Lawtonia	5	331
	136	Coulee	7	323
	137	Swift Current	1	202
	138	Webb	2	272
	165	Morse	1	334
	166	Excelsior	3	315
	167	Sask. Landing	4	319
	225	Canaan	TR	358
	226	Victory	1	382
	228 A	Lacadena	NIL	308
	228 B	Lacadena	3	349
	257	Monet	TR	342
4A	19	Frontier	9	392
	49 B	White Valley	23	379
	51	Reno	8	216
	79	Arlington	11	226
	110	Piapot	15	358
	111 A	Maple Creek	18	388
	111 B	Maple Creek	15	372
4B	139	Gull Lake	12	293
	171	Fox Valley	7	330
	229	Miry Creek	5	276
	232	Deer Forks	5	379
5A	152	Spy Hill	3	323
	181	Langenburg	4	336
	183	Fertile Belt	10	436
	184 C	Grayson	8	395
	185	Mcleod	2	463
	186	Abernethy	4	368
	187	North Qu'appelle	7	331
	213	Saltcoats	4	371
	214	Cana	7	397
	241	Calder	6	560
	245 A	Garry	4	374
	245 B	Garry	6	417
	246	Ituna Bon Accord	9	479
	247	Kellross	11	482
	248	Touchwood	11	341
5B	271	Cote	3	431
	276	Foam Lake	18	441
	277	Emerald	20	400
	303	Keys	6	420
	304	Buchanan	6	273
	307	Elfros	17	420
	308	Big Quill	15	462
	335	Hazel Dell	8	445
	336	Sasman	16	385
	338	Lakeside	9	381
	366 A	Kelvington	8	416
	366 B	Kelvington	10	425
	367	Ponass Lake	21	477
6A	189	Lumsden	5	376
	190 A	Dufferin	7	343
	190 B	Dufferin	7	300
	190 C	Dufferin	8	304
	219 C	Longlaketon	10	375
	220	Mckillop	9	354
	221	Sarnia	7	365
	222	Craik	8	373
	252	Arm River	9	347
	279 B	Mount Hope	15	489
	280	Wreford	6	383
	281	Wood Creek	8	358*
	282	Mccraney	5	417
	309	Prairie Rose	11	364
	310	Usborne	11	478
	312	Morris	9	373
	339 B	Leroy	8	365
	340 A	Wolverine	7	417
	340 B	Wolverine	5	472
	343	Blucher	2	347
6B	254	Loreburn	1	404
	283	Rosedale	1	471
	284	Rudy	1	485
	285	Fertile Valley	1	475
	286	Milden	NIL	386
	314	Dundurn	TR	456
	344	Corman Park	1	368
	345	Vanscoy	3	471
	346	Perdue	1	446
	403	Rosthern	4	398
	404	Laird	5	349
7A	259	Snipe Lake	NIL	369
	287	St. Andrews	NIL	427
	288	Pleasant Valley	1	461
	290	Kindersley	NIL	350
	292	Milton	1	416
	317 B	Marriott	2	470
	317 C	Marriott	TR	376
	318 A	Mountain View	NIL	403
	318 B	Mountain View	2	478
	319	Winslow	1	391
	321	Prairiedale	4	454
	322	Antelope Park	NIL	427
7B	347 A	Biggar	TR	424
	347 B	Biggar	NIL	382
	350 A	Mariposa	TR	316
	352	Heart's Hill	15	645
	378 A	Rosemount	TR	433
	378 B	Rosemount	TR	406
	379	Reford	TR	406
	380 A	Tramping Lake	2	373
	409	Buffalo	2	411
	410	Round Valley	10	487
8A	395	Porcupine	8	567
	397	Barrier Valley	TR	548
	398	Pleasantdale	10	610
	428	Star City	12	611
	456	Arborfield	7	591
	457 A	Connaught	10	468
	458	Willow Creek	9	419
	486	Moose Range	12	430
	487	Nipawin	12	410
8B	369	St. Peter	8	493
	370	Humboldt	5	485
	372	Grant	3	393
	373 B	Aberdeen	4	313*
	399	Lake Lenore	5	520
	402	Fish Creek	5	429
	429 A	Flett's Springs	6	473
	429 B	Flett's Springs	7	490
	430	Invergordon	2	364
	431 A	St. Louis	5	409
	459	Kinistino	6	409
9AE	461	Prince Albert	8	469
	488	Torch River	12	539
	520 B	Paddockwood	9	380
9AW	436	Douglas	3	326
	463	Duck Lake	5	452
	464	Leask	6	443
	466	Meeting Lake	8	449
	467	Round Hill	10	426
	493	Shellbrook	11	382
	494	Canwood	7	381
	496	Spiritwood	10	416
	497	Medstead	7	385
9B	438 A	Battle River	7	516
	438 B	Battle River	2	391
	440	Hillsdale	2	411
	468 A	Meota	12	487
	472	Wilton	4	556
	498 A	Parkdale	8	380
	498 B	Parkdale	8	381
	499	Mervin	6	501
	501 A	Frenchman Butte	TR	441
	501 B	Frenchman Butte	3	396
	501 C	Frenchman Butte	2	433
	502	Britannia	4	493
	561	Loon Lake	5	506
	588 A	Meadow Lake	15	416
	588 B	Meadow Lake	7	517
	588 C	Meadow Lake	5	567
	588 D	Meadow Lake	6	410

These precipitation amounts represent point locations within each municipality and do not necessarily reflect the whole R.M.

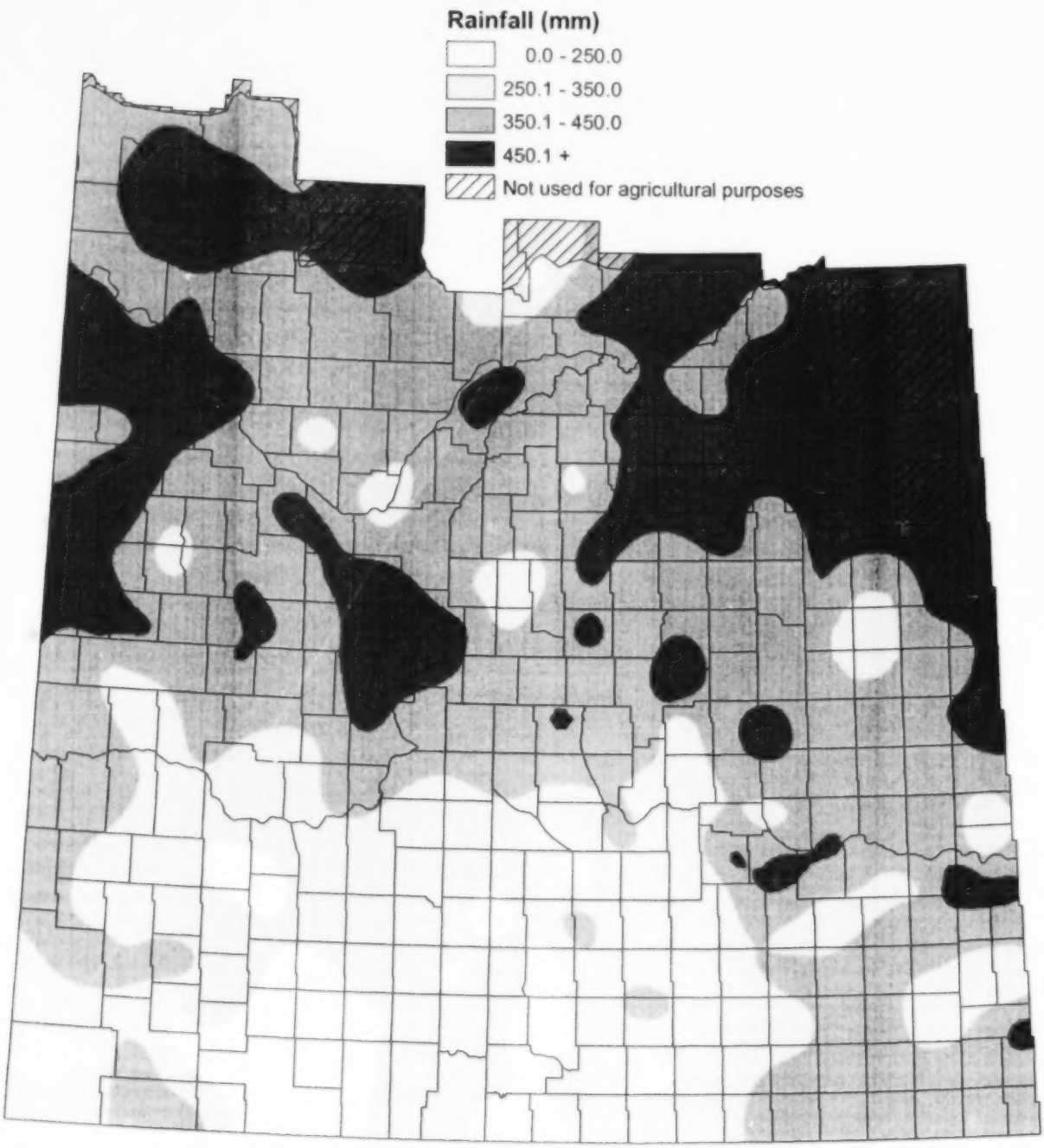
* incomplete

Municipality No: A, B, C, and D - more than one reporter

Weekly Rainfall
for the week ending October 22, 2005



Cumulative Rainfall
From: April 1, 2005
To: October 22, 2005



Crop Districts
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